



Rogers Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide standardized assignments to arriving first alarm companies at structural incidents. The policy is applicable to initial incident commanders, which include both company officers and Battalion Chiefs.

POLICY

The incident commander at structural fires is required to make assignments to all assigned units, both on scene and incoming, as appropriate. Assignments may be made by the company officer of a first or second-due company; however they will typically be made by the Battalion Chief upon their arrival.

Assignments should first be given to companies already on scene. Afterwards assignments to incoming companies should be transmitted. These assignments should be made using the following model:

Example: (Engine 2 already on scene. Ladder 1, Engine 7, Engine 4, Medic 1, and Rescue 5 still inbound to the call.)

Formal Command Establishment/Assumption/Transfer

Battalion 1: "Battalion 1 on scene, establishing Main Street Command"

RCD: "Battalion 1 on scene, Main Street Command"

Assign Companies Already On Scene

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Engine 2, I'll show you as Fire Attack Group"

Engine 2: "Engine 2 copies Fire Attack Group"

Battalion 1: "That's affirmative"

Assign Companies Inbound to the Incident

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Engine 7"

Engine 7: "Engine 7, go ahead"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Engine 7, you're Water Supply"

Engine 7: "Engine 7 copies Water Supply"

Battalion 1: "That's affirmative"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Engine 4"

Engine 4: "Engine 4, go ahead"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Engine 4, you'll be assisting Fire Attack Group, report to Engine 2"

Engine 4: "Engine 4 copies report to Engine 2 for Fire Attack"

Battalion 1: "That's affirmative"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Ladder 1"

Ladder 1: "Ladder 1, go ahead"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Ladder 1, you'll be Search and Rescue Group"

Ladder 1: "Ladder 1 copies Search and Rescue Group"

Battalion 1: "That's affirmative"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Medic 1"

Medic 1: "Medic 1, go ahead"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Medic 1, you'll be Medical Group"

Medic 1: "Medic 1 copies Medical Group"

Battalion 1: "That's affirmative"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Rescue 5"

Rescue 5: "Rescue 5, go ahead"

Battalion 1: "Main Street Command to Rescue 5, you'll be Rapid Intervention"

Rescue 5: "Rescue 5 copies Rapid Intervention"

Battalion 1: "That's affirmative"

Although the department utilizes standing fireground orders, companies are not to undertake assignments without the direction of the incident commander. The incident commander may also order companies to stage (Level 1 or Level 2) in lieu of a formal incident command assignment.